

**Legislative Testimony**  
**HB5452 AAC The Provision Of Volunteer Health Care Services On A Temporary**  
**Basis**  
**Public Health Committee**  
**Friday, March 12, 2010**  
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God Morning Senator Harris, Representative Ritter and the members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Ernest Spira. I am a practicing periodontist in Glastonbury and Manchester.

I am also a member of the CT State Dental Association Board of Governors.

I am writing in support of HB5452. As a participant in four Dental Missions of Mercy, two out of state and two in Connecticut, it is clear that the dental needs for the underserved are great. Although these missions are not the answer they do provide help to those in pain. The advantage in having additional professional volunteers participating from other states is clear. I myself was one such volunteer in both Virginia and Colorado. The participation of out-of-state professionals is predicated by both the patients who receive the care and the in state professionals who are supported.

Respectfully submitted,

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